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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. DETAILS OF DISENGAGEMENT AND DOMESTIC DISCONTENT

USINT CAIRO REPORTS A GROWING EGYPTIAN MILITARY CONCERN THAT ADVERSE ARMY REACTION IS LIKELY WHEN THE DETAILS OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BECOME KNOWN. UP TO NOW EVEN SENIOR COMMANDERS HAVE ONLY BEEN TOLD IN GENERAL TERMS ABOUT THE PLANS AND WILL NOT KNOW THE SPECIFICS UNTIL REDEPLOYMENT IS ACTUALLY ORDERED. BITTER CRITICISM IS EXPECTED FROM ALL SECTORS OF THE GOVERNMENT AS DETAILS BECOME AVAILABLE. THUS FAR, HOWEVER, ALL INDICATIONS CONTINUE TO POINT TO SADAT'S BEING ABLE TO MANAGE HIS DOMESTIC PROBLEM. (SECRET) CAIRO 375, 1/24, (EXDIS).

2. FAHMI VISIT: SOVIETS PLAYING IT COOL

THE TONE OF REPORTS ON EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FAHMI'S VISIT TO MOSCOW SUGGESTS THAT THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE TALKS MAY BE LESS THAN CORDIAL. EMBASSY MOSCOW SUSPECTS THAT THE SOVIETS MAY BE REFRESHING
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CAIRO'S MEMORY ABOUT PROPER LOYALTIES AND REMINDING FAHMI OF THE LONG ROAD AHEAD AND THE ESSENTIAL NATURE OF

SOVIET SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MOSCOW 1153, 1/24.

3. THE NINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

A. THE FRENCH ARE RELUCTANT TO CONSULT WITH THE US, ...

THE EC MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS HAVE PREPARED A PROPOSAL ON EC-ARAB COOPERATION IN THE SECTORS OF INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, TRANSPORTATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, TECHNICAL TRAINING, AND FINANCE. THE BASIC SCENARIO IS OF FRENCH MANUFACTURE AND HAS STRONG BRITISH SUPPORT. THE FRG, AS THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE EC COUNCIL, IS TO MAKE AN INITIAL APPROACH TO THE ARABS FOLLOWING THE NEXT EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 6 AND 7 ON THE PRESUMPTION THAT THE SCENARIO WILL BE APPROVED. THE VIEW IS THAT THE PLAN IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE AND THAT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO ACT BEFORE THE CONFERENCE TO REASSURE THE ARABS THAT THE WASHINGTON MEETING IS NOT A CONSUMER "GANG UP." REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF INFORMING THE US PRIOR TO EARLY ACTION, THE FRENCH REGISTERED "EXPLICIT RESERVE." (CONFIDENTIAL) ROME 1094 1/24, (EXDIS).

B. ... BUT THE NETHERLANDS ASK ANYWAY.

THE NETHERLANDS HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY THE HAGUE ATTEMPTING TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER IN WASHINGTON'S VIEW THERE IS ANY PARTICULAR INITIATIVE FOR EC-ARAB COOPERATION WHICH WOULD BE DISRUPTIVE TO THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE IF THE ACTION WERE TAKEN PRIOR TO CONSULTATION WITH THE US. (CONFIDENTIAL) THE HAGUE, 1/24. KISSINGER

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